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Subject: Emergency information Indian River Property Appraiser Appointment

Mr. Elliott Stewart Director of External Affairs and Appointments Office of the Governor 400 S Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32399

Memo: Emergency Information regarding the appointment for Indian River Property Appraiser Dear Sir,

I would like to present information that will disqualify from consideration one of the leading applicants, Ms. Helen Black also known as Ms. Sissy Long, for Indian River County Property Appraiser. Ms. Helen Black has illegally filed for and received property Homestead exemption in Polk County while also filing as a voting resident living in Indian River County. How can someone be appointed Property Appraiser in one county when they swear that they live in another County? Although she has used a different name her identity can be confirmed from voting and property records, often using the same cell phone number for both identities. You simply cannot have residency in one County and vote in another.

It is illegal to file property homestead on a property that is not your primary residence and it is illegal to register to vote in a county where you are not a resident. Thus, Ms. Black has initiated either homestead fraud or voter fraud or both. It is important that this information be presented prior to appointment.

This information is being provided independent of any applicant. I am a "whistle blower" from within the Indian River County Property Appraisers office and must remain anonymous. Feel free, however, to confirm the accuracy of the information included herein.

- 1. Ms. Helen Black locally known as "Sissy Long" has applied for the position.
- 2. Before his death, former Indian River Property Appraiser David Nolte reportedly sent a request that the Governor appoint Ms. Black (Long) to fulfill his unexpired term. Mr. Nolte was able to persuade some of his powerful friends to support that request but that was before knowledge of Ms. Blacks illegal filings were known.
- 3. Mr. Nolte passed away on November 6th creating a vacancy that requires Appointment.
- 4. Ms. Black has been a registered voter in Indian River County Florida since 2001
- 5. Ms. Black applied for and received Homestead exemption as owner of property located in Polk County with her husband Charles E. Black in 2003. Address 4930 Lucie Road, Lakeland Florida. Polk parcel #24-29-08-278500-002709.
- 6. The current tax statement last updated 12/2/2018 shows that she continues to benefit from an \$827.11 annual tax benefit totaling in excess of \$5,000.
- 7. As a 20 year plus employee of the Appraisers office, Ms. Black either knew or should have know that false application for property tax homestead is a serious problem in Florida.

8. In voting registration, Ms. Black claims her residence to be 862 Royal Palm Blvd. in Vero Beach, Fl. This property is owned by the wife of the late Property Appraiser, Mrs. Nolte, may profit through rental payments if Mrs. Black is appointed.

Florida statute are only available on ones Primary Home. The Attorney General guidelines for residency (see Op.Atty Gen.Fla 055-216) identifies "having homestead exemption" as proof of residency for the purpose of voter registration.

I am not suggesting who to appoint for this position. I trust the Governors judgement on the matter. However, having observed Ms. Blacks efforts to profit from circumventing the retirement rules, double dipping as a contract employee and what I now know is her unethical filing of homestead exemption, it should not be Helen Black- AKA Sissy Long.

Signed,

Employee of the Indian River Property Appraisers office

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Attachments:

Polk County Property Appraiser record showing \$50,000 Homestead Exemption 2003 to present

Polk County Tax bill showing \$50,000 illegal Homestead Exemption Current tax year

Indian River Voter record showing Helen Black voter registration since 2001 to current